

HOUSE BILL 357

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By: **Dorchester County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2010

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Land Acquisition – Notification and Approval**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to provide certain
4 information about certain proposed land purchases by the Department of
5 Natural Resources to certain counties under certain circumstances; prohibiting
6 the State from acquiring land for open space purposes in Dorchester County
7 unless the County Council of Dorchester County approves the purchase; and
8 generally relating to the acquisition of land by the Department of Natural
9 Resources and the State.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Natural Resources
12 Section 1–104(k) and 5–910
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Natural Resources**

18 1–104.

19 (k) At least 45 days before the Department seeks approval by the Board of
20 Public Works of the purchase of any interest in land for which the State contribution
21 to the purchase exceeds \$2,000,000, the Secretary shall provide the Senate Budget and
22 Taxation Committee [and], the House Appropriations Committee, **AND THE COUNTY**
23 **OR COUNTIES IN WHICH THE PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED IS LOCATED** with:

24 (1) A description of the proposed purchase;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) A description of the interest the Department will hold in the
2 property; and

3 (3) A listing of the proposed sources of money to be used for the
4 purchase.

5 5–910.

6 **(A)** The State may not acquire a tract of land in Allegany County **OR**
7 **DORCHESTER COUNTY** of over 100 acres for preservation of open spaces unless:

8 **(1)** [the] **THE** County Commissioners of Allegany County approve the
9 purchase, **FOR LAND TO BE ACQUIRED IN THAT COUNTY; OR**

10 **(2)** **THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY APPROVES**
11 **THE PURCHASE, FOR LAND TO BE ACQUIRED IN THAT COUNTY.**

12 **(B)** This requirement does not apply to open space and outdoor recreation
13 areas which have previously been authorized for acquisition by the legislature.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2010.